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Mr. Peter Forbes
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Re: EPA's review of the Draft Area of Concern Screening Process
Review and Evaluation for Loring Air Force Base, Limestone, ME,
dated January 1992.

Dear Mr. Forbes:

This letter is providing EPA's review comments on the Draft Area of Concern Screening Process Review and Evaluation for Loring Air Force Base, Limestone, ME, dated January 1992. EPA received the document on February 20, 1992 and is providing this review letter pursuant to Section 7.7 of the Loring Air Force Base Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA).

As stated in the Introduction, the purpose of this document is to re-examine sites which were not recommended for further investigation, although investigated earlier during the IRP process and RCRA assessments. Determinations, based on readily available data, reports and current guidance were made as to whether any of these sites should now be identified as an AOC. Although EPA believes this document satisfies the intent of Section 7.3.(a).2 of the Federal Facilities Agreement, we believe additional investigations must be performed.

Since Loring is a closure base, it is in the Air Force's best interest to ensure that all potential sites have been thoroughly investigated. Also, these investigations should be formally documented. This documentation will subsequently assist the Air Force in determining the availability of these properties for transfer and future use.

EPA agrees with this report's conclusions and recommendations to further investigate Landfill #4 and the source of the oil sheen located downstream of the Coal Storage Area and the Fly Ash Disposal Area. Additionally, the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) and the PCB Storage Area are traditionally Areas of Concern at other military installations and further investigations are recommended. According to Section

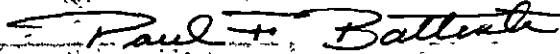


7.3 (a).3 of the FFA, these sites will require a Supplemental Area of Concern Work Plan.

Additionally, this report does not address any of the potential Areas of Concern which have been previously discussed. These sites should be included in the upcoming Federal Facilities Agreement negotiations. The Air Force may formally recommend adding sites to the FFA which require remedial investigation studies or perform and submit Preliminary Assessments and Site Investigations (PA/SI). Furthermore, if any site's PA/SI report recommends additional work, a Supplemental Area of Concern Work Plan is required.

If you should have any questions on these comments, please feel free to contact me at (617) 223-5521.

Sincerely,



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